GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
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PROTECTORS OF EMIGRANTS OFFICES
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of offices of Protectors of Emigrants (PoEs) functioning in the country to process emigration clearance emigrating for employment abroad;

(b) whether some officers are operating from rented premises;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(d) the amount of money incurred on rented premises;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to accommodate these offices to function from their own building;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the time by which these offices are likely to function from their own buildings?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) : There are 8 offices of the Protector of Emigrants (POEs) under the administrative control of this Ministry located at Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Cochin and Thiruvananthapuram.

(b)to (d) : Due to non-availability of suitable Government accommodation, the POE offices at Mumbai, Chennai, Cochin, Hyderabad and Thiruvananthapuram are presently housed in rented premises at a monthly rental liability of approximately Rs. 2.39 lakh/-.

(e) to (g) : The Ministry of Urban Development has been requested to provide suitable Government accommodation for the POE offices presently functioning from rented space. Efforts are being made to obtain such accommodation early.